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Subj:	**Re: Hodder on St. Patrick's**
Date:	02/22/2001 8:13:44 AM Central Standard Time
From:	EricNumis
To:	jmkleeberg@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Day has come early this year for me thanks to your fascinating communications. You have found material that I never dreamed would be admitted. You are an agent who found a double agent. Keep your eyes, ears, fingers and search warrants combing the grass for more snakes. St. Eric

Subj: **RE: Dispatch #313**
Date: 02/22/2001 8:53:35 AM Central Standard Time
From: nrothschild1@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
To: ericnumis@aol.com (Eric Newman), PLMossman@aol.com

Phil,

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> From: PLMossman@aol.com [mailto:PLMossman@aol.com]
> Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2001 9:45 AM
> To: EricNumis@aol.com
> Cc: nrothschild1@home.com
> Subject: Dispatch #313
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Thu, 22 Feb 2001 06:53:22 -0800
From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
To: "Eric Newman" <ericnumis@aol.com>, <PLMossman@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Dispatch #313
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 09:53:43 -0500
Message-ID: <KBEBLGMFMGDGIJKIKMHJMECFCJAA.nrothschild1@home.com>

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Subj: **Re: Hodder on St. Patrick's**
Date: 02/22/2001 9:29:30 AM Central Standard Time
From: jmkleeberg@yahoo.com (John Kleeberg)
To: EricNumis@aol.com

Hello Eric,

Thanks for your very kind comments. One thing I learned this morning on the list is that there is a second reverse die (if the Quiescat Plebs side can be considered the reverse) - Stan Stephens has posted a Noyes photo of a die trial in copper where the obverse links with the "Snake" farthing, but the reverse is new. Noyes photo number 71149. The photo was taken in 1996.

Best,

John Kleeberg

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Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 07:28:48 -0800 (PST)
From: John Kleeberg <jmkleeberg@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Hodder on St. Patrick's
To: EricNumis@aol.com
In-Reply-To: <c1.bdcd288.27c67898@aol.com>
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Subj: **RE: Digest #315**
Date: 02/22/2001 1:29:21 PM Central Standard Time
From: nrothschild1@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
To: EricNumis@aol.com

From: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2001 5:42 AM
To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Colonial Numismatics] Digest Number 315

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   From: Stan Stephens <sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu>
3. St. Patrick "die trial"
   From: Stan Stephens <sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu>
4. Re: armed and dangerous
   From: Diane Raymond Williams <raydianewilliams@juno.com>
5. Re: St. Patrick "die trial"
   From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
6. RE: armed and dangerous
   From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
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8. Re: armed and dangerous
   From: bkweston@netzero.net
9. Re: St. Patrick "die trial"
   From: Rosaamltd@aol.com
10. Re: CTFT Halfpennies - Grant Weston Fund
   From: Diane Raymond Williams <raydianewilliams@juno.com>

Message: 1
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:38:19 -0500
From: "Byron Weston" <bkweston@netzero.net>
Subject: armed and dangerous

I thought this would be an appropriate subject line as Grant has gotten his prosthetic arms. The doctors

discovered a problem with his rotator cup in his left shoulder that may require an operation. An MRI has been scheduled. He continues to be on blood thinner until the clot in his lung disappears. Although the shoulder problem may slow him down a bit, Grant is at the barn at this moment helping with the milking. Luckily his truck is in the shop so we won't have to deal with that until tomorrow. In the meantime I am learning a lot about the mechanics of his new arms as I am called upon to help put them on.
Byron

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Message: 2
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:09:56 -0500
From: Stan Stephens <sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu>
Subject: Re: "A Snake Breeds a St. Patrick"

> Three images to compare:

Image 1: silver coin plated in Eric Newman's 1963 article - scan by Neil Rothschild
Image 2: silver coin in upcoming CG sale - lot 1501
Image 3: gold coin from Norweb sale - lot 2386

Stan

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Message: 3
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:10:17 -0500
From: Stan Stephens <sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu>
Subject: St. Patrick "die trial"

If the piece was the 'die trial' that I remember it looked like it was made
during the Nixon administration and was accompanied by a Xerox copy of a
'letter of authenticity' on a Bob Vlack letterhead. When asked if he had
ever written such a 'letter' Bob emphatically said no and became

justifiably
upset.
Rob, this is the coin I think you were referring to.

As a footnote to Michael's great description on the St. Pat's pieces, several
people noticed an example at an EAC convention awhile back, in the case of a
well-known collector who occasionally deals as well. This piece was a die
trial of the obverse side of one of the known counterfeit dies, in bright red
copper.
Jeff, I wonder if the obverse dies match?

See No 5 of Digest 316

Stan-

[This message contained attachments]

Message: 4
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 18:41:15 -0500
From: Diane Raymond Williams <raydianewilliams@juno.com>
Subject: Re: armed and dangerous

Hi Byron!
Great to hear about Grant's arms! Do the cows have any objections to them? - They could get pretty cold this time of year. OUCH! Being a surban kid, when I was about 5 years old, I asked one of my Uncles about milking bulls and all I remember was the laugh and him saying he wouldn't advise it. I guess you had to be there...Any chance you'll be at EAC? Anyone else out there going?

Ray

Message: 5
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 16:09:07 -0800
From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
Subject: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

Yes, that's the 'die trial, Stan. What I'd really like to get is a picture of the 'letter of authenticity!'

Rob

Message: 6

Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:23:50 -0500
From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
Subject: RE: armed and dangerous

Ray,

I'll be there.

Neil

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Diane Raymond Williams [mailto:raydianewilliams@juno.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2001 6:41 PM
> To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] armed and dangerous
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Message: 7
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2001 19:25:56 -0500
From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
Subject: RE: armed and dangerous

Byron,

It's always great to hear the progress reports, especially since things are moving forward as planned. Please give my best to Grant.

Neil
-----Original Message-----
From: Byron Weston [mailto:bkweston@netzero.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2001 4:38 PM
To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Colonial Numismatics] armed and dangerous

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From: nrothschild1@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
To: EricNumis@aol.com

Eric,

I sent the three digests as text inserted into the regular message body. You should be able to read them as any other message.

If you have a problem, let me know.

I will try to forward them each day if the discussion continues.

Regards,
Neil

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In-Reply-To: <11.101d7df9.27c6b77b@aol.com>

Subj: **FW: [Colonial Numismatics] Digest Number 316**
Date: 02/23/2001 7:38:07 AM Central Standard Time
From: nrothschild3@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
Reply-to: nrothschild1@home.com
To: ericnumis@aol.com (Eric Newman)

(Eric, I am forwarding this to you..... Neil)

-----Original Message-----
From: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2001 5:44 AM
To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Colonial Numismatics] Digest Number 316

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From: dmenchell@aol.com
21. Re: Betts Medals
From: palmers4@erols.com
22. Re: Open email to Ute Wartenberg
From: buell@vectrafitness.com

Message: 1
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 08:26:58 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

I saw that letter, too, some years ago. I had a hard time understanding why Vlack would have written what he did about a coin that was clearly not as advertised by the owner.

Re: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] St. Patrick "die trial"
Rosaamltd@aol.com wrote on 2/21/2001 at 10:27 PM:
<SNIP>
Regards

Mike Hodder

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Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 08:30:34 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Betts Medals

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From: coinrarities@yahoo.com
Subject: Phony St. Pat's in Silver

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Rgds,
Dave Wnuck

Message: 6
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 14:06:41 -0000
From: coinrarities@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

Hey, Dan Friedus!

You are always looking for a good story for your Coin World article. I think this would make a great one! Headline: "Slabbed Fake Uncovered by Internet Chat Group"! A special thanks to Stan Stephens. Stan, your diligence and your love of the series has benefitted us all once again.

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From: sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu
Subject: EAC 2001

I'm going to EAC (Thur-Sun) and would like to find a roommate. I don't smoke but I'm not bothered by it either.
Dave W. thanks for the kind words. I really do enjoy the St. Patrick series. John Horan told me that you need to seek the truth in your own cabinet. In my case because of the help and cooperation of so many collectors who have allowed John Griffee and me to photograph their coins it makes this sort of research much easier. Special thanks to a good friend of the hobby who wishes to remain anonymous at this time for allowing me access to the photos that Richard Picker took of St. Patricks (he loved the series). This group of black and white poloroids consists of 122 farthings, 23 shillings, and 44 halfpence. Each obverse and reverse is shot seperately with pedigree information written in ink on the translucent envelope each "coin" is stored in. I have been offered the entire collection of these photos to scan but I am not up to it time wise. Undoubtedly this group of photos could be a great research tool for many of us but it is a lot of work and concentration to get it done right. Hey Neil you have a lot of spare time do you not.....just kidding, but I'm not kidding about how much time this would take. I didn't ask how large this collection of photos is but judging from the number of St. Patricks in it I was intimidated by it's probable size.
Stan

Message: 8
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 08:57:53 -0800
From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
Subject: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

Mike-

As I recall there were numerous misspellings in that 'letter.' Anyone who knows Bob knows that the man is NOT illiterate!

Rob

Message: 9
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 12:15:34 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Betts Medals

Don:

There are no rarity/restrike/CC/or population guides to Betts medals. LaRiviere kept notes on medals on index cards and he gave the cards to B&M along with his collection. The data in the B&M descriptions about rarity and metals is mostly correct. The only way of being somewhat sure of what you're doing is to keep your own notes on what shows up. Once you've decided on what you're interested in contact me privately.
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Re: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] Betts Medals
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Message: 10
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 12:18:52 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Phony St. Pat's in Silver

David:

You should contact Stack's about this.

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Re: [Colonial Numismatics] Phony St. Pat's in Silver
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Message: 11
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 12:34:41 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

David, et al

I'd advise against this. Its only outcome will be the
embarassment both of the auction house and the slabbing service.
The lesson I think this group has learned from this is that no
one is expert on everything and that everyone can use some help
sometimes.

+==========+
Re: [Colonial Numismatics] Re: St. Patrick "die trial"
coinrarities@yahoo.com wrote on 2/22/2001 at 2:06 PM:

=>Hey, Dan Friedus!
=>
=>You are always looking for a good story for your Coin World
article.
=>I think this would make a great one! Headline: "Slabbed Fake
=>Uncovered by Internet Chat Group"! A special thanks to Stan
=>Stephens. Stan, your diligence and your love of the series has

=>benefitted us all once again.
=>
=>Rgds,
=>Dave Wnuck
+==========+
Regards

Mike Hodder

Message: 12
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 12:37:02 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

Rob:

I've seen one other letter on Bob's letterhead attesting to the authenticity of a piece I had little confidence in. That one didn't have any misspellings, however. I guess someone got his hands on some of Bob's stationery.

+==========+
Re: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] St. Patrick "die trial"
rob retz wrote on 2/22/2001 at 8:57 AM:

=>Mike-
=>
=>As I recall there were numerous misspellings in that 'letter.'
Anyone who
=>knows Bob knows that the man is NOT illiterate!

+==========+
Regards

Mike Hodder

Message: 13
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1904 15:33:42 -0600
From: JCSpilman <JCSpilman@EarthLink.net>
Subject: Re: EAC 2001

Hi Stan and Lou - -

Why don't you two get together privately and discuss these photos and plan to do the scans at Notre Dame. It would also be an outstanding addition to the Library Website.

Jim/CNLF
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sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu wrote:

> I'm going to EAC (Thur-Sun) and would like to find a roommate. I
> don't smoke but I'm not bothered by it either.
> Dave W. thanks for the kind words. I really do enjoy the St. Patrick
> series. John Horan told me that you need to seek the truth in your
> own cabinet. In my case because of the help and cooperation of so
> many collectors who have allowed John Griffee and me to photograph
> their coins it makes this sort of research much easier. Special
> thanks to a good friend of the hobby who wishes to remain anonymous
> at this time for allowing me access to the photos that Richard Picker
> took of St. Patricks (he loved the series). This group of black and
> white poloroids consists of 122 farthings, 23 shillings, and 44
> halfpence. Each obverse and reverse is shot seperately with pedigree
> information written in ink on the translucent envelope each "coin" is
> stored in. I have been offered the entire collection of these photos
> to scan but I am not up to it time wise. Undoubtedly this group of
> photos could be a great research tool for many of us but it is a lot
> of work and concentration to get it done right. Hey Neil you have a

> lot of spare time do you not.....just kidding, but I'm not kidding
> about how much time this would take. I didn't ask how large this
> collection of photos is but judging from the number of St. Patricks
> in it I was intimidated by it's probable size.
> Stan
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Message: 14
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:47:24 -0000
From: sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu
Subject: Picker St. Patrick photos

I think my last post was a little confusing regarding the Picker St. Patrick photos. I have scanned them all. There are 189 coins so this resulted in 189 obverses, 189 reverses, and 189 envelopes with the pictures inside being visible. This is 567 scans not counting any rescans. This makes it very time consuming. I have pasted the jpegs into a powerpoint presentation format. I still need to finish typing attributions for each slide. It is my desire to make this information available. It will take hundreds of hours of tedius work to do all of the other series represented in this collection. This requires specialists who considers it fun and important. I have no allusions that I could ever get it done. With the right people working on this it is possible.
Stan

Message: 15
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:51:34 -0000
From: sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu
Subject: Re: Picker St. Patrick photos

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--- In colonial-coins@y..., sstephens@h... wrote:
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> Stan

Message: 16
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 21:35:54 -0000
From: bkweston@netzero.net
Subject: Re: Picker St. Patrick photos

Same as 15
Content

--- In colonial-coins@y..., sstephens@h... wrote:
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~~Byron~~

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~~Message: 17~~
~~Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 21:54:57 -0000~~

~~-- From: sstephens@hsc.wvu.edu~~
~~Subject: Re: Picker St. Patrick photos~~

~~--- In colonial-coins@y..., bkweston@n... wrote:~~
~~> --- In colonial-coins@y..., sstephens@h... wrote:~~
~~> > Although I have frequent illusions.~~
~~>~~
~~> I must have been right, I am the only one having ALLUSIONS!~~
~~> Byron~~
~~>~~
~~Byron, I think ALLUSIONS is a necessary characteristic for this group.~~
~~Real glad to hear of your brother's progress.~~
~~Stan~~

~~Message: 18~~
~~-- Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:59:57 EST~~
~~-- From: dmenchell@aol.com~~
~~Subject: Re: Betts Medals~~

~~Mike:~~

~~Shhh!!! Keep your voice down! While the State coinage fanatics are fighting~~
~~over cinquefoils and horse's heads on AG3 coppers for multiple thousands of dollars, the true lovers of Colonial History and engraving are gobbling up these great historical artifacts at a fraction of the cost. Why don't we keep this a secret, at least until after the sale!~~

~~Best regards,~~

~~Dave~~

~~Message: 19~~
~~-- Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:00:51 -0500~~
~~-- From: "Byron Weston" <bkweston@netzero.net>~~
~~Subject: Thanks~~

~~Thanks, Stan, I only wish that my enthusiasm was on par with yours. It would seem that you have left no stone unturned in your research.~~
~~Yes, Grant is doing quite well, in fact better than anyone has expected. But I think that has a lot to do with attitude. I believe that most people would simply give up on life in similar circumstances and I cannot honestly say whether or not I would be one of them. Although most people seem to find his tenacity to be inspiring we, the family, still cannot help but have some reservations about him continuing to farm. Its in his blood, much like coins, research and discovery is in ours.~~
~~There was a nice letter printed in Coin World about Dan's article concerning Grant's accident and this egroups response to it. Just as Grant has become an inspiration so has this group. I don't think any among you should take that lightly.~~

~~The eBay auction lots seem to be doing quite well and it is still early! I think it appropriate for me to publicly thank Ray and his brother for putting that together. Also, a thanks to Dave and Bijan for donating those lots so that could be done and Bob for donating his raffle prize back to its 'consignor' so that its value could be added to the fund.~~
~~Despite any differences of opinion that we may have and express in our numismatic pursuits, you all are a great bunch and I sincerely appreciate having come to know all of you through this medium.~~
~~Byron~~

~~[This message contained attachments]~~

~~Message: 20~~
~~Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2001 20:06:22 EST~~
~~From: dmenchell@aol.com~~
~~Subject: Re: Betts Medals~~

~~Don:~~

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~~early Indian Peace Medals, much of it included in his book on the George III medals. Just a few ideas.~~

~~Dave~~

~~Message: 21~~
~~Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 04:21:31 -0000~~
~~From: palmers4@erols.com~~
~~Subject: Re: Betts Medals~~

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~~Dave & Don, Didn't the Lindersmith collection have a pretty good representation of Bett's medals? I don't have the catalog handy, but I thought I remembered something in there. That, if I'm right might be more contemporary than other resources you mentioned. David~~

~~In colonial-coins@y..., dmenchell@a... wrote:~~
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~~> Dave~~

~~Message: 22~~
~~Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 07:46:35 -0000~~
~~From: buell@vectrafitness.com~~
~~Subject: Re: Open email to Ute Wartenberg~~

~~Byron, Mike, et al.(latin for Lurker I suppose),~~
~~First off, thanks Byron for asking questions, many of which I share. I would also like to state that I do not see why you deserved Mike's fury. At the risk of being accused of "carping", I must continue.~~

~~Today I got my CNL subscription renewal in the mail. As a proud CNL supporter, I intended to fill out the form, write the check, and be~~

~~done with it. But then confusion set in. Do I pay $16 or $35. Surely if the price had gone up to $35 there would be mention of a price increase. Maybe the $35 was the full ANS membership amount??? I remembered your post, so I thought I'd look on eGroup where I'd surely find my answer. But now after reading Byron's post, Mike's post, and some others, it seems clear. I have two choices (in Mike's words): 1) $16, 2) $35, 3) $40, 4) $60, or 5) $0. Maybe the amounts Mike mentions are the full ANS membership levels that my letter doesn't mention. Now I understand that the ANS has had some difficulties, but frankly I couldn't tell you what they are. I'm inclined to cut them some slack. I know that the subscriber base for the CNL must be so small as to generate very little revenue. I also remember a speech at C4 about new directions for the ANS...directions I presume I support to the extent I understand them. But my compassion doesn't clear up my confusion.~~

~~If someone wants to explain things to me, on eGroup or off-line, I'd appreciate it.~~

~~Regards, Buell~~

~~P.S. Byron: Rotator Cuff??~~

~~--- In colonial-coins@y..., "Byron Weston" <bkweston@n...> wrote:~~
~~> Dr. Wartenberg,~~
~~> I recently received my membership invoice from the ANS. In your letter of December 15, 2000 you mention an annual subscription offer to non-members of the ANS for the CNL publication of $35. On the invoice that I just received there is no mention of this alternative offering. Perhaps you could offer members of this egroup, many of whom are past and present CNLF patrons, some clarification.~~
~~> I also understand that there has been many patrons who did not, or have not yet gotten the latest issue, CNL-115. One member emailed me just the other day and said that he had not yet received his copy even though he had mailed an additional $16 to the ANS on the premise that his dues were not current, even though he was sure that they were. Similar situations have occurred with members who also happen to be members of this egroup and their concerns have been expressed within this group. Perhaps you could also offer some explanation for an apparent mix-up at the ANS concerning CNL Patron notification of dues.~~
~~> As you know the ANS will have the option as of April 2002 to take complete control of the Colonial Newsletter, or of returning the publication to the Colonial Newsletter Foundation. As this publication depends on contributions from its Patrons, I would hope that these discrepancies will be cleared up before this date, or that the ANS would make the right decision as to the future of the newsletter when the time comes.~~
~~> I would appreciate any response that you may have to be posted within this forum of the Colonial Coins egroup.~~
~~> Thank you,~~
~~> Byron~~

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Subj: **Link Go to Stack's web site**
Date: 02/23/2001 3:26:14 PM Central Standard Time
From: nrothschild1@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
To: EricNumis@aol.com

Hi Eric,

The image below is copied from Stack's web site. Do you see "Lot# 1501" below? Next to the lot number is an "icon" that looks like a coronet head large cent. Click that icon that looks like the coronet head and it should take you right to the coin image on Stack's web site.

Please try this and let me know if it works.

Neil

See other comment

U. S. COLONIAL COINS

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DELIGHTFUL SILVER ST. PATRICK'S FARTHING

Lot# 1501

St. Patrick's Farthing, n.d. Silver. About Uncirculated. Breen 207. Kneeling saint, FLOREAT REX. Rv. Nimbate St. Patrick, 4-wing bird, snake, griffin and toad l., QUIESCAT PLEBS. Bold strike with toothed borders, full detail and steel toning around the reliefs. A Very Fine example in Silver was lot 1382 in the October 1980 Garrett Sale, ($7,320), but the present example is light years ahead in condition and visual appeal. One of a mere handful known in Silver and one of the finest in existence. PCGS AU50

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Date: 02/24/2001 7:53:13 AM Central Standard Time
From: nrothschild3@home.com (Neil Rothschild)
Reply-to: nrothschild1@home.com
To: ericnumis@aol.com (Eric Newman)

-----Original Message-----
From: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2001 5:18 AM
To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Colonial Numismatics] Digest Number 317

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Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2019 07:44:15 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Betts Medals

OK, Dave...not a word to anyone about how cool Bettsies are!
Mum's the word from now on.

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Mike Hodder

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Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2019 08:02:51 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Re: Open email to Ute Wartenberg

Hi, Buell:

You're hardly carping...it's clear you're confused about the ANS/CNL dues structure. I remember the $16 and $35 figures, too. I'm guided by the membership invoice dated 2/7 that I received. It has (among others irrelevant to me) the following categories: $40 for an associate membership and $20 for the CNL publication. I assume I could buy the latter without paying for the former. In my case, I'll pay $60. Your post suggests that there may be other prices for non ANS members. If so, I'm not familiar with them (nor am I trying to be a spokesperson for ANS). I guess you need advice from someone who knows the score and in that case, it's not me. You need to contact ANS and ask their assistance. Alternatatively, you could just join ANS for $40 and buy a CNL script for $20 and make it easy on yourself.

I wrecked my left rotator cuff lifting. As I understand it, it's a series of small muscles and connective tissues that allow the shoulder to rotate through 360 degrees. Together, they're pretty strong and capable. Isolated, they're susceptible to damage. Mine went over time from doing seated military presses. I still don't have full range of motion back a year later.

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Regards

Mike Hodder

Message: 3
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:04:51 -0000
From: penfriends@mail.bip.net
Subject: ** Website Update **

** Website Update **

Dear friends,

Please excuse me for disturbing you in your daily activities.
However, I think you will appreciate to know about:

UNITED FRIENDSHIP - Sweden's largest Pen Pal & Collector Club
the website has been updated.
Now you can:

Have new Pen Pals and Collector Partners in Sweden and elsewhere by
the following means:

* Our Pen-Friend & Collector Magazine (on paper)
* Our Bulletin Boards
* Through our E-Groups
* By Chat
* Through our Newsletters
* You can also play a game
* Or have a new Free E-Mail address

Collectors have Bulletin Boards and Egroups for a mere 30 different

areas of collecting.

Such as coins ....

I think you should check it out - anyway...
http://www.penpallers.com/

Thank you for your attention.

Mr. Malte Aronsson
Clubrunner,

UNITED FRIENDSHIP
PO Box 30039
S 40043 Göteborg
SWEDEN

Message: 4
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:26:40 -0600
From: Bob Metzger <ultrabob@gte.net>
Subject: Re: Open email to Ute Wartenberg

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Hope this helps!

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Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 15:45:52 -0000
From: coinrarities@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Phony St. Pat's in Silver

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Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 16:45:15 -0000
From: bkweston@netzero.net
Subject: Re: Open email to Ute Wartenberg

Thanks, Bob, that does help however it is not stated that way in the membership invoice that I received from the ANS. There is no mention of the $35 option in the letter that there is at the website.
I guess the bottome line is then if you want to continue your membership it is $40 and if you want CNL it is an additional $20. Or, if you only want CNL it is $35.
I have not yet decided what option I will take. I am dissapointed though that Ute did not respond to these inquires as she is listed on the egroups membership roster.
BTW, cuFF, I don't know how I did that 'f isn't even close to the 'p!'
Byron

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Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 09:39:13 -0800
From: rob reiz <auctioncom@home.com>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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-genuine.-

GEEZ, ya can't trust anyone any more - well, not quite. If you're crestfallen that your certified colonials that you invested your life savings in are no longer guaranteed to be genuine you might consider trying eBay # 1217065168.

A complete collection of 'money of the colonies' not only with a letter of authenticity, but, get this, also with a letter of authenticity
authenticating the authenticator who authenticated the authentic coins!!!!
Hey gang, ya can't get more authentic than that.

Rob

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Message: 9
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:21:28 -0500
From: "Dan Freidus" <freidus@wwnet.net>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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-----Original Message-----
From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
Date: Friday, February 23, 2001 12:52 PM

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Message: 10
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:48:27 -0800
From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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Message: 11
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 13:45:00 -0500
From: "Dan Freidus" <freidus@wwnet.net>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Freidus <freidus@wwnet.net>

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Too late guys, but at the opening bid it is almost too good to be true, and a great conversation piece! Thanks for the tip, Rob. I've also contacted a seller concerning several lots that he is offering. While one is in fact a "Machin's Mill" the other two are not. Although I would like to see British made counterfeits as actively collected as the American made pieces I am also a great believer in truth in advertising, regardless of any real or imagined ingnorance on the part of the seller.
CAVEAT VENDTOR!
Byron

Message: 13
Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2019 14:47:26 -0500
From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Re: Phony St. Pat's in Silver

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To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com <colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Friday, February 23, 2001 1:31 PM
Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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  Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2019 14:50:03 -0500
  From: "Mike Hodder" <mhodder@worldpath.net>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

Dave:
I never assume anything in a slab is ipso facto genuine, let
alone correctly graded. I don't think Stack's does, ordinarily,

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either. However it happened, cataloguing the St. Pat's piece is
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From: rob retz <auctoricon@home.com>
Subject: Re: Re: St. Patrick "die trial"

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Subject: Re: "slads, rotators, Elwood"

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Subject: Re: Re: Phony St. Pat's in Silver

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Message: 20
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:05:10 -0500
From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
Subject: Digital Camera Image Samples Available in Files Area

I uploaded a text document and 2 sample image files to a new folder in the files area called "Digital Camera Image Samples".

Rather than rehash what I said, here is the text document from the folder. The images are quite large (up to 1 MB each) but these are "out of the camera" images. I thought it was important to deliver the images without any extraneous changes. The photos were shot using the highest quality JPG compression available from the respective cameras.

Coolpix 950/990 Comparison

Two images are associated with this document.

1) coolpix950.jpg shot from a Nikon Coolpix 950 digital camera. 1/9 sec, F/6.6

2) coolpix990.jpg shot from a Nikon Coolpix 990 digital camera 1/8 sec, F7.8

Both images were shot by the same photographer using the same subject (coin), same lighting set up and the same camera settings.

The coolpix 950 is a 2 megapixel camera and the 990 a 3 megapixel camera.

If you display these images side by side in an image processing program, you will notice that both provide very similar resolution. The 990 camera delivers 50% more pixels, but I do not believe it actually resolves 50% more detail. I believe both cameras use essentially the same lens and I suspect that the Coolpix 950 at 2 megapixels delivers resolution very close to the

capability of the lens. In other words, some of the coolpix 990 pixels are "empty" pixels, beyond the resolution of the lens itself.

You be the judge. There is no doubt that the 990 delivers a slightly sharper image. But is it worth twice the price?

Coolpix 950 cameras are available for around $500. The Coolpix 990 sells for almost $1,000.

It is also interesting to note that although the Coolpix 990 provides a wider range of F stops, I saw little or no difference between a series of photos shot consecutively at each available F stop. This surprised me, since stopping down the lens should increase the depth of field and provide sharper overall images.

Also notice that the color of the two photos is very different. The Coolpix 950 color is much more accurate, in my opinion. Again, both photos were shot with the same lighting setup. I cannot explain this and it needs further exploration.

I have shot over 2000 photos with the Coolpix 950, mostly coin images. The photos I shot with the Coolpix 990 were the first dozen I attempted. The cameras are almost identical in functionality. It is possible that with a little practice I might be able to improve the 990 photos. So consider this information preliminary and subject to change.

Enjoy,
Neil Rothschild
Feb 23, 2001

Message: 21
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:19:22 -0500
From: Dan Freidus <freidus@wwnet.net>
Subject: Re: Digital Camera Image Samples Available in Files Area

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Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 23:55:51 -0500
From: "Neil Rothschild" <nrothschild1@home.com>
Subject: RE: Digital Camera Image Samples Available in Files Area

Dan,

I understand that 50% more pixels does not equal "50% more resolution" in the context that you refer to. But I thought the 990 would be sharper. And remember, this is not a $500 Nikkor lens. This is more or less a point N shoot lens.

I think the important point here is that increasing the pixels beyond 2 megapixels is reaching the point of diminishing returns. Maybe more marketing hype than reality? The first generation digital cameras were 640x480, or 307,000 pixels. Then next generation was 1024x768 or 786,000 pixels, a double. Then came the 2 megapixel cameras, a triple compared to the 2nd generation. The 4th generation is only a 50%n increase but as the numbers get bigger you need huge increases in image size to get an equivalent increase in resolution.

I have never been completely happy with the 950's resolution and I have the sense that some of it is due to lens deficiencies. When you see the images, tell me what you think.

As an aside, if you double the resolution, don't you end up with 4x the pixels regardless if the image is a square or a rectangle?

Your comment about the lens being sharpest wide open is interesting. Most lenses have off axis abberations that are eliminated when the lens is stopped down (but not completely down) so usually you get double bonus points when you stop down. This may get back to the fact that it isn't a $500 Nikkor lens.

Both photos were shot using the "incandescent" white balance setting. I have spent a good deal of time tinkering with the 950 white balance settings and I have never gotten better color using the manual white balance. I like what I am doing because I can set it and forget it, and get very realistic AND CONSISTENT color. It's one less variable and I don't have to carry around a kodak white card. Apparently the 990's incandescent setting has a different compensation algorithm. I shot the two photos several weeks apart, using the same basic light setup, but the light would not have been EXACTLY the same. However, I have not seen major color differences with small lighting changes.

I implied in the text that I needed more time to tinker with the 990 and the lighting to get the color right. I want to make it clear here that I do not see any reason why the 990 can't take a good accurate color photo. Since this is just a loaner camera (it is the club's camera) I may not even bother to go through that. It may be that I would need to use manual white balance correction, or maybe an adjustment in the lighting. I just thought it was odd that the incandescent algorithm was changed.

Neil

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> From: Dan Freidus [mailto:freidus@wwnet.net]
> Sent: Friday, February 23, 2001 11:19 PM
> To: colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com
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1504 **1723 Hibernia Farthing.** About Uncirculated. 59.7 grains. DEI directly over King's head. Seated Hibernia, 11 harp strings, I over forehead. Pleasing light brown. With PCGS insert AU50.

1505 **1723 Hibernia Farthing.** Another. Very Fine. 51.7 grains. Dark brown surfaces with faint dirt deposits and micro porosity, possibly indicating a "dug" coin. Two very distinct circular die cracks stretch from 'A' of GRATIA to neck and to chin.

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1512 **1723 Rosa Americana Penny.** Very Fine. Crowned rose. Particularly sharp strike, olive-tan with hints of uneven surface.

1513 **1786 New Jersey Copper.** Maris 14-J. Good. This coin saw its share of circulation, but date and devices are clear. Broad 29mm planchet.

CONNECTICUT COPPERS

1514 **1787 M.25-m. (R-6).** Draped Bust Left. 135.3 grains Very Good. **Scarce** variety. Both sides are a combination of brown and mahogany with some darker mottled areas. Obverse and reverse surfaces very rough and granular, probably because of the very late states of the dies. Several rim nicks on the obverse, one small planchet cutter clip above EC. Terminal Die States, the obverse particularly, the die in this state breaking almost everywhere, linearly across. More detail on the reverse than on the obverse, this die seemingly more robust. The finest seen is an AU, followed by a handful of VF's and four that grade Fine, with 7 Very Good's bringing up the rear.

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